STATE of WISCONSIN



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WHEREAS; first recognized by the United Nations in 2000, International Migrants Day serves as a day for the global community to admire the resilience and bravery of those who migrate from one

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WHEREAS; since the dawn of humanity, migration has allowed for the coexistence and assimilation of people from every corner of the world, and has facilitated the sharing of ideas, cultures, and traditions across borders; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, we are reminded of our nation's collective identity as a "melting pot" of the various cultures of the world, whose promise of opportunity and prosperity is open to individuals of all races, ethnicities, identities, and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS; we recognize that the decision to leave one's home country can be daunting and, all too often, marks the beginning of a perilous, uncertain, and taxing journey; and

WHEREAS; in recognition of this year's theme, "Harnessing the Potential of Human Mobility," we must dedicate ourselves—as Wisconsinites and as Americans—to welcoming migrants with excitement, acceptance, and receptiveness, recognize the immense value they bring to our society, and commit ourselves to helping them find new homes, communities, and opportunities in our state and country; and

WHEREAS; all migrants have the right to safety and security throughout their travels and upon arrival at their intended destination, and deserve to be treated with respect and dignity at every step of their journey; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin recognizes the rights of migrants everywhere and affirms its commitment to providing support and opportunities to our state's migrant communities and to facilitating a safe and welcoming environment for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim December 18, 2021, as

INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 15th day of December 2021.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

country to another; and

DOUGLAS LA FOL TTE
Secretary of State